

## Minutes

Minutes of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of a Center for the Deaf held September 22, 1975, Board of Regents Conference Room, 1200 University Club Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. Time: 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was conducted by Robert G. Sanderson. Present were the following members of the committee:

Robert G. Sanderson  
Jay J. Campbell  
Harvey C. Hirschi  
Charles Schmitt  
Ned C. Wheeler  
Dora Laramie  
David Mortensen

Excused: Lloyd Perkins

Discussion of the Center focussed on the approach to be used in determining feasibility. Dr. Sanderson proposed the following, accepted with change in chronological order by the committee:

### A Feasibility Study Must:

- a. Describe the population to be served.
- b. Define the needs to be provided for a comprehensive program.
- c. Define existing services and facilities
- d. Describe how the program will be implemented and coordinated.

(Dr. Hirschi was excused on an emergency call.)

The Committee was directed to consider the needs to be provided and come prepared to define these needs in some detail at the next meeting. Dr. Sanderson agreed to check out existing facilities in the area, and bring further information on the population to be served to the next meeting.

Next meeting was scheduled for October 8, 8:30 a.m., placed to be announced as soon as one could be found.

Adjourned 10:00 a.m.

R. G. Sanderson



4. Will the multi-purpose room hold large numbers of people for activities such as movies?

The largest multi-purpose room holds 30 people and another one holds 20.

5. Hours.

All day on weekdays until 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### MAGNA CENTER

1. Is the center being made full use of?

Yes.

2. Could another group use the facility on a regular basis?

Not on a regular basis.

3. Office Space?

Could squeeze maybe two in one office.

4. Will the multi-purpose room hold large numbers of people for activities such as movies?

The multi-purpose room holds about 100 to 150 people.

5. Hours?

Most all day and some evenings.

#### SOUTH COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

1. Is the center being made full use of?

There are no facilities available.

#### SOUTH SALT LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

1. Is the center being made full use of?

There are no facilities available.



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- E. The question was asked: "Do you really need another facility?" Many states have moved to Comprehensive Centers. Wouldn't a Comprehensive Center serving all disabilities be much better?

"How about having a unit or portion of such a center for deaf people so they could be by themselves but still be able to use common facilities?" The deaf members of the committee seemed to prefer a separate center but needed more time to crystallize their thinking.

It was felt that first the Committee should focus their attention on the needs that a Center for the Deaf might fulfill. Those mentioned were:

1. Hearing and speech services
2. Lip-reading
3. Captioned movies
4. Deaf do not integrate with other groups.
5. Deaf depend on their eyes much more than other persons
6. Multi-disabled are rejected. They need a place to go to learn their basic skills.
7. Communication
8. Provide training for interpreters

The members of the Committee who were deaf decided to meet as a "sub-committee" before the next meeting of the full Committee and focus on the needs for a Center.

The next meeting will be held October 22nd at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



## MINUTES

Minutes of a subcommittee meeting of the Committee on Center for the Deaf, October 12, 1975, at the home of Mrs. Dora Laramie, 127 East 470 North, Bountiful, Utah. 7:00 p.m.

Present were the following members: Dora Laramie; Ned Wheeler; David Mortensen; and Robert Sanderson. Lloyd Perkins was excused.

Discussion centered upon two general areas: 1) perceived needs, and 2) space for operations to handle such needs. The following list of such needs is not as complete as we would like to have it; but we will expand it as the obvious things we have overlooked (possibly because we are so familiar with them) come into focus. A Community Center as we envision it will serve deaf people who demonstrate the need for services; however, the mere listing of such needs does not define in detail the manner in which they will be handled in each case. This will be done in the final draft, after the committee as a whole has input.



## MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee to study the need for a Center for the Deaf held October 8, 1975, at 8:30 a.m., Board Room, Utah State Board of Education, 250 East 5th South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The meeting was conducted by Robert G. Sanderson, Chairman. Those present were:

Robert G. Sanderson  
Harvey C. Hirschi  
Ned C. Wheeler  
Dora Laramie  
David Mortensen  
Lloyd Perkins  
Jay J. Campbell  
Charles E. Schmitt  
Beth Ann Stewart, Interpreter

The four following items are needed by the Committee in order to make their recommendations:

- A. A feasibility study which defines present facilities that serve the needs of the deaf.
- B. A detailed list of the needs of the deaf.
- C. A description of the community to be served.
- D. A description of the people now being served by Vocational Rehabilitation.

A general discussion was held with some of the following points being made and discussed:

- A. One-fourth of the clients now being served in Vocational Rehabilitation have a disability in addition to deafness.
- B. Approximately 5,000 in the Salt Lake and Ogden Metropolitan area that the Center would serve.
- C. The Center should serve the hearing impaired also.
- D. Mr. David Duncan, Utah State Treasurer, in an informal discussion with deaf community leaders, suggested that in order to secure adequate data that would be demanded by the legislature, the legislature could be asked for about \$20,000 to make an in-depth feasibility study. This would probably include a survey of local existing facilities, a study of similar facilities around the nation, a study of the needs, and cost factors that would involve the Building Board.